



## CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Dear Central Corridor Community Members:

In mid-2006, Mayor Coleman asked the Planning Commission to establish two community task forces to prepare a *Central Corridor Development Strategy*, a vision and strategy for how University Avenue and the downtown area should grow and change in response to the planned investment in the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) line. The task forces completed their work, and the *Central Corridor Development Strategy* was adopted as a chapter of the City's Comprehensive Plan in October 2007.

The *Central Corridor Development Strategy* provides a solid foundation for more detailed planning around proposed station areas, and recommends station area planning as a next step to further plan for desired development along the Central Corridor. In 2008, the Planning Commission established a steering committee to oversee planning processes for seven station areas, leading to the adoption of detailed plans for Westgate, Raymond, Fairview, Snelling, Lexington, Dale, and Rice in October 2008. A station area planning process for Downtown Saint Paul is currently underway.

Station area planning for the future Hamline, Victoria, and Western stations will begin in the fall of 2009, and the Planning Commission will again appoint a community Steering Committee. The Steering Committee members will be representative of the affected areas in terms of geography, constituencies, and areas of expertise. The purpose of the Steering Committee will be to oversee the process, and to ensure consistency in approach between station areas and with the *Central Corridor Development Strategy*, the adopted Station Area Plans, and with other chapters of the Comprehensive Plan. The intent is to develop station area plans that will be adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan as addenda to the *Central Corridor Development Strategy*.

The station area planning process will look at land use issues such as density and form of development, pedestrian and bicycle network, parking management, streetscape, parks and open spaces. The bulk of the work to develop the station area plans will be done through an open public process using a combination of focus groups, public roundtables, design workshops or charrettes, and open houses.

The community planning process is anticipated to begin in September. As they did with the Central Corridor Development Strategy work, Urban Strategies, Inc. will be assisting the community and City staff with the station area planning work.

I am looking for individuals who have been engaged in the Central Corridor planning process in some capacity, and have knowledge of the community discussion and work that resulted in the *Central Corridor Development Strategy*. **I invite organizations or individuals to submit nominations by Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> to:**

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Your nomination letter (1-2 pages maximum) should describe this person's background and experience, and why he or she would be a good choice for the steering committee. Please include information on this person's areas of interest or knowledge, such as particular station areas or specific issues (e.g. parking, business development, parks and open space, etc.). Individuals who are interested in serving should review the attached draft schedule to determine if this volunteer commitment will work for his or her schedule.

Please contact Jess Rosenfeld of the Department of Planning & Economic Development if you have questions or need more information. She can be reached at 651-266-6560 or [jessica.rosenfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:jessica.rosenfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

Sincerely,



Brian Alton, Chair  
Saint Paul Planning Commission

## HAMLIN, VICTORIA, AND WESTERN STATION AREA PLANNING DRAFT SCHEDULE – JUNE 4, 2009

This schedule gives a rough estimate of when major planning processes will be occurring. Members should expect 1 – 2 steering committee meetings per month, in addition to roundtable sessions, workshops, and open house (where attendance is encouraged).

	Aug 09	Sept 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10
Steering Committee members notified								
Steering Committee meetings								
Background Information and Corridor Tour								
Community Roundtable sessions								
Workshops for each station area								
Review of Draft plans								
Community Open House								
Adoption of plans by City								